

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



April 11, 1984

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-44

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR FEDERAL FOSTER CARE DEFICIT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 1982

REFERENCE:

Similar to Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1981, the federal allocation for California's FFY 1982 Title IV E Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) Program is insufficient to meet the statewide foster care expenditures for FFY 1982.

The Title IV E (AFDC-FC) federal allocation was \$52 million. This allocation included foster care maintenance payments and administrative costs. The FFY 1982 statewide foster care expenditures currently total \$58.4 million, which is \$6.4 million in excess of the federal allocation.

Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 15200 provides, that after deducting available federal funds, state funds will be appropriated to each county to reimburse for the support and maintenance of children in foster care at the rate of 95 percent of the nonfederal share. Because of the clarity of the state law as to the amount of state funds which can be made available for nonfederal foster care expenditures, the sharing ratio is not affected by this shortage of federal funds. The State Department of Social Services (SDSS) will make the necessary adjustments to the state and county shares.


The individual county share of five percent of the deficit will be established and applied as follows:

1. SDSS will accumulate the per county share of the annual federal expenditures from the audited and approved monthly assistance claims. (Summary Report of Assistance Expenditures - Federal Children in Foster Homes and Institutions - Form No. CA 800 FC (Fed.).) From these amounts, each county's share of federal child support, as reported on the audited and approved monthly child support claims, will be deducted. (Summary Report of Child Support Payments - Form No. CS 800.)

2. The ratios of the per county share of the total net federal expenditures will be computed and applied to the counties' share of the deficit.
3. SDSS will prepare a separate Form No. CA 800 FC (Fed.) for each county, forward copies to each county, and apply the county share of the deficit to the next advance of foster care funds. The particular advance will be identified when the county receives their copies of the adjustment Form No. CA 800 FC (Fed.).

Any supplemental claims, adjustment claims, or audit exceptions involving foster care costs for FFY 1982, which are processed after the deficit is applied, will be shared on the regular state/county sharing ratio; i.e., 95 percent state share and 5 percent county share for assistance expenditures. Administrative expenditures will be shared 50 percent state and 50 percent county, subject to the availability of state funds within the county's administrative allocation for FY 1981/82 or FY 1982/83, respectively.

Any questions in regard to this matter, may be directed to Peter Klein at ATSS 473-0265 or (916) 323-0265.

  
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